

Minutes
Lake Park Harbor Marina Advisory Board
April 5, 2007
7:00 P.M.
Lake Park Town Hall
535 Park Avenue
Lake Park, Fl 33403

A. Call to Order:

Jim Lloyd, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by: Janice Branyan

C. Roll Call:

Jim Lloyd:	(Chairman)	
Ronnie Lee Cohen:	(Member)	
Janice Branyan:	(Member)	
Kelleen Allen	(Member)	Excused Absence
William McDow	(Member)	
Ernie Small	(First Alternate)	Excused Absence
Joseph Wexler	(Second Alternate)	

D. Approval of Agenda Additions / Deletions

Motion by: Ronnie Lee Cohen

Seconded by: Joseph Wexler

Passed

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion by: Ronnie Lee Cohen

Seconded by: Janice Branyan

Passed

Chairman Lloyd here asked for approval of the minutes for the special call meeting with Maria Davis, March 22, 2007. Janice Branyan noted that her term expires in May, therefore her last meeting on the Board will be the May one, not April as she had previously stated.

Motion by: Janice Branyan

Seconded by: Ronnie Lee Cohen

Passed

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Old Business

The Marina Meeting Room rental rates was the first topic of discussion. William McDow stated he had heard rental rates for the Mirror Ballroom in Town Hall were two hundred dollars per hour plus deposit. Mr. Lloyd then indicated he had rented the Marina Room for a party at three hundred dollars plus deposit, and that at a subsequent Board Meeting, the previous Director had indicated the rate was two hundred. He then stated he was still waiting for a refund.

The proposed Kid's Fishing Tournament was next. William McDow stated he had attended the Commission Meeting the previous night and had gotten an OK from the Commissioners to proceed. He further added that the Commissioners thought they had already given permission for his tournament but that it had been for a tournament sponsored by the Maritime Academy. The date is April 28, which was in conflict with the Maritime Academy's until that tournament was moved to a later time. Here followed a discussion of some details about running the tournament.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the original Breakwater permit (and why it was never used.) William McDow said that Commissioner Balias had stated permits were not needed to do some of the repairs necessary. Mr. Lloyd then elaborated on the overall concern (which, he stated, the Board has talked about for some time) that the Town had a breakwater in the plans, it had the permit, and the money was in the budget...why then did the Marina get built and accepted without it? He further asked (theoretically) about the boards powers or responsibilities to look into past mistakes in order to prevent them from occurring again. Mr. McDow then said that he had spoken with the Town Manager and that she is proceeding with the breakwater and pilings. He further stated that he had asked if the Board would have a chance to review the drawings to see if anything had been missed. He said that she thought it was a good idea and that the Board's input would be sought. Mr. Lloyd then asked each board member their opinion. Ronnie Lee Cohen said she felt that in the past the Board did not play a role in decisions and that now things may change, but to look back would be a waste of time. Janice Branyan agreed and added that she wished we could put a rush order on things to beat the hurricane season. Joseph Wexler felt that the chronology of events should be traced and answers as to what happened found so that big mistakes in future projects don't happen. William McDow said he thought all files on Marina related projects be in one cabinet and that would make for easier answers. Ronnie Lee Cohen added that she thought all Marina related files should be on a computer file for easy access. Mr. Lloyd finished with his assessment that he felt an analysis of what went wrong is necessary so it will not happen again. Ronnie Lee Cohen then asked whom the Board should approach when they couldn't even find the permit. Mr. Lloyd suggested a special call meeting with the Town Manager as a start. Joseph Wexler then asked if it were possible that the Town paid for a breakwater and just didn't get it. Mr. Lloyd felt questions such as that were all the more reason to look into what happened. Janice Branyan added that the money had been allocated for the breakwater. Mr. Lloyd ended the discussion saying he would like to investigate further.

The next topic was cable service at the Marina. Mr. Lloyd asked the Marina Director if there was any news. He stated that he had heard someone from the Town was looking into installing cable lines when the pavers are removed for repairs to the seawall. Finally, the last topic was allowable usages for the meeting room at the Marina. He said that in the past the Board had talked about various usages. William McDow said that the Commission had discussed it the previous night without decision.

H. New Business

Chairman Lloyd began this part by stating that a big question and concern of his was a definition of the Board's position and/or powers. William McDow stated he felt the Board should render advise to the Commission on anything regarding the Marina. Mr. Lloyd restated his opinion that a more active role for the Board would relieve some Town employees of work regarding Marina related questions. Mr. Wexler pointed out that the Board has no powers per say and should therefore advise only. Ronnie Lee Cohen then observed that in the past the Board had rendered advise to the Commission and it had been ignored. She then went on to say the Board should merely advise and if the Commission chooses to take that advise, that's good, but they're under no obligation. Mr. Lloyd then said that perhaps use of the word 'powers' when discussing the Board's position was unfortunate and perhaps 'purpose' was better. The question troubling him was how the Board can effect useful change in so many areas (here several examples were given). Attempting to define the Board's purpose, he felt, would be a good starting point for positive change. Mr. Wexler added that it might help if the Board knew what the Commission wanted advise on.

Next came discussion of the brick paver placement. Mr. McDow said the topic had been discussed at the previous night's Commission meeting.

I. Member Comments

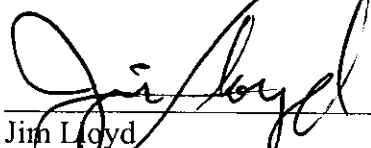
William McDow started by saying the Commission had discussed some ongoing improvements at the Marina the previous night. Janice Branyan then suggested a sign be placed at the Marina advising the boaters of Board meetings. Mr. Lloyd said he would produce it. Janice Branyan asked about picnic tables that she had noticed. The Director explained they were a recent addition and were being used. He added he hoped WiFi service would be available tomorrow. Ronnie Lee Cohen said she's all for any extra meetings, but reminded all of a three day requirement for advertising. Chairman Lloyd ended with first acknowledging Commissioner Balius' presence at the meeting. He then related an incident of a barking dog which was solved by Mr. Bob Wummer. Finally, he noted the first year anniversary of the untimely passing of Jim Knox.

J. Adjournment

Motion: Joseph Wexler
Second: Janice Branyan

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00pm

Minutes Approved by The Harbor Marina Advisory Board


Jim Lloyd
Chairman

5/3/07
Date

Minutes prepared by Jim Lloyd, Secretary, May 2, 2007